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--1. (Twice Amended) Apparatus comprising:

- a base;
- a support connected to the base;
- an adjuster for selectively collapsing the support relative to the base so that the apparatus can support writing material and function as a clipboard; or propping the support in an extended position relative to the base so that the apparatus can support reading material and function as a reading stand;
- at least one compartment for holding miscellaneous items;
- means for selectively opening or closing the compartment;
- and a light for illuminating the writing or reading material;
- wherein the light can be retracted or extended and the apparatus when collapsed is substantially rectangular in plan view.

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--2. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the base is substantially rectangular.

--3. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the support is substantially rectangular.

--4. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the adjuster comprises a hinge for pivoting the support relative to the base.

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--7. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 18 further comprising a device connected to the apparatus for securing writing material.

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--10. (Twice Amended) Apparatus according to claim 18 further comprising a stalk connected to the apparatus for mounting the light.

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--14. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 18 further comprising a page holder for holding reading material open at a desired page.

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--17. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim 18 wherein the first compartment is for holding a writing implement and the second compartment is for holding paper.

--18. (Amended) Apparatus comprising:

a base;

a support connected to the base;

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an adjuster for selectively collapsing the support relative to the base so that the apparatus can support writing material and function as a clipboard; or extending the support relative to the base so that the apparatus can support reading material and function as a reading stand;

a light for illuminating the writing or reading material;

wherein the light can be retracted or extended and the apparatus when collapsed is substantially rectangular in plan view;

further comprising first and second compartments for holding miscellaneous items;

and first and second lids respectively closing the first and second compartments, and first and second hinges respectively mounting the first and second lids and enabling opening of the first and second lids for access to the first and second compartments.